

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

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1. (Currently amended) A method of producing a storage medium that provides information regarding a source material, comprising the steps of:

- gathering features of the source material;
- accessing secondary materials related to the features;
- gathering features of the secondary materials;
- determining attributes of the gathered materials;
- analyzing the attributes based on a predetermined characteristic; and
- recording information regarding the source material and the secondary materials based on the analysis, wherein the recorded information includes relational information between the source material or one or more of the secondary materials and at least one of the gathered features, the determined attributes or the predetermined characteristic, and wherein the relational information is used in the provision of the information contained within the storage medium.

2. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the determining step includes statistically analyzing the features of the source material and the features of the secondary materials.

3. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the determining step includes incrementing an iteration number.

4. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the recording step includes recording the source material, features of the source material, the secondary material, and features of the secondary materials.

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5. (Currently amended) A method of providing an interface for graphically displaying information, comprising:

displaying information regarding a source material and a set of secondary materials;

determining a selection of information based on a user input;

analyzing the source material, the set of secondary materials, and the selection of information in a manner that yields relational information between the source material or one or more secondary materials and at least one of the selection of information or the information regarding the source materials; and

updating the display of information regarding the source material and the set of secondary materials based on the ~~analysis~~ relational information.

6. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein the updating step highlights a particular set of secondary materials, so as to bring the particular set of the secondary materials to the attention of the user.

7. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein the displaying step includes displaying a representation of objects of the source material in a first area and displaying representations of objects of the second materials in a second area.

8. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 7, wherein the updating step rearranges the locations of the representations of the objects of the secondary materials.

9. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 7, further comprising the step of:

linking the first area and the second area so that a user input to either area will effect the display in the other area.

10. (Currently amended) An apparatus for producing a storage medium that provides information regarding a source material, comprising:

a memory including a computer-readable program;

a processor for running the program; and

a storage medium,

wherein the program includes instructions that cause the apparatus to gather[[s]] features of the source material, access to secondary materials related to the features, gather features of the secondary materials, determine attributes of the gathered materials, analyze the attributes based on a predetermined characteristic, and

record on the storage medium information regarding the source material and the secondary materials based on the analysis,

wherein the recorded information includes relational information between the source material or one or more of the secondary materials and at least one of the gathered features, the determined attributes or the predetermined characteristic, and wherein the relational information is used in the provision of the information contained within the storage medium.

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11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the determining instruction includes statistically analyzing the features of the source material and the features of the secondary materials.

12. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the determining instruction includes incrementing an iteration number.

13. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the recording instruction includes recording the source material, features of the source material, the secondary material, and features of the secondary materials.

14. (Currently amended) An interface for graphically displaying information, comprising:

a display that displays information regarding a source material and a set of secondary materials;

a user interface that determines a selection of information using a user input and performs an analysis based on the source material, the set of secondary materials, and the selection of information, wherein the analysis yields relational information between the source material or one or more secondary materials and at least one of the selection of information or the information regarding the source materials; and

44 a controller that instructs the display of information regarding the source material and set of secondary materials to be updated based on the ~~analysis~~ relational information.

15. (Previously presented) The interface according to claim 14, wherein the display includes a first area that displays a representation of objects of the source material and second area that displays representations of objects in the second material.

16. (Previously presented) The interface according to claim 15, wherein the controller instructs the display to rearrange the locations of the representations of the objects of the secondary materials.

17. (Previously presented) The interface according to claim 15, wherein the controller links the first area and the second area so that a user input to either area will effect the display in the other area.

18. (Currently amended) A storage medium having a format for interacting with an automated information accessing device, the format including information for use in assisting a user to understand a source material, wherein the format includes information produced by a method, the method comprising the steps of:

gathering features of the source material;

accessing secondary materials related to the features;

gathering features of the secondary materials;

determining attributes of the gathered materials;

analyzing the attributes based on a predetermined characteristic; and

recording, based on the format, information regarding the source material

and the secondary materials based on the analysis, wherein the recorded information includes relational information between the source material or one or more of the secondary materials and at least one of the gathered features, the determined attributes or the predetermined characteristic, and wherein the relational information is used in the provision of the information contained within the storage medium.

19. (Currently Amended) The medium according to claim 18, wherein the determining step includes statistically analyzing the features of the source material and the features of the secondary materials.

20. (Previously presented) The medium according to claim 18, wherein the determining step includes incrementing an iteration number.

21. (Previously presented) The medium according to claim 18, wherein the storage medium is a physical storage medium and the source material, features of the source material, the secondary material, and features of the secondary materials are stored on the storage medium.

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22. (Previously presented) The medium according to claim 18, wherein the storage medium is the Internet.

23. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a computer to perform a method for producing a storage medium that provides information regarding a source material, said method comprising the steps of:

gathering features of the source material;
accessing secondary materials related to the features;
gathering features of the secondary materials;
determining attributes of the gathered materials;
analyzing the attributes based on a predetermined characteristic; and
recording information regarding the source material and the secondary materials based on the analysis, wherein the recorded information includes relational information between the source material or one or more of the secondary materials and at least one of the gathered features, the determined attributes or the predetermined characteristic, and wherein the relational information is used in the provision of the information contained within the storage medium.

24. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a computer to perform a method for providing an interface for graphically displaying information, comprising:

864 displaying information regarding a source material and set of secondary materials;

determining a selection of information based on a user input;

analyzing the source material, the set of secondary materials, and the selection of information in a manner that yields relational information between the source material or one or more secondary materials and at least one of the selection of information or the information regarding the source materials; and

updating the display of information regarding the source material and set of secondary materials based on the ~~analysis~~ relational information.
